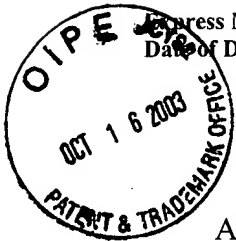


10-17-03 41

GP:-1645



Express Mail No. EV 312712885 US
Date of Deposit: October 16, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 18475-025

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Lipkowski and Carr
ASSIGNEE : New England Medical Center
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/988,792 EXAMINER : V.L. Ford
FILING DATE : November 20, 2001 ART UNIT : 1645
FOR : NOVEL ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 16, 2003
Boston, Massachusetts

RECEIVED
OCT 22 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

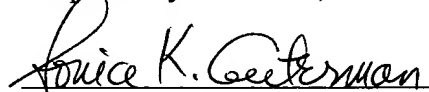
Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response re: Office Action Mailed September 16, 2003 (6 pages);
and
2. Return Postcard.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No.18475-025. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



Ingrid A. Beattie (Reg. No. 42,306)

Sonia K. Guterman (Reg. No. 44,729)

Attorneys for Applicants

c/o MINTZ, LEVIN, COHN, FERRIS,
GLOVSKY AND POPEO, P.C.

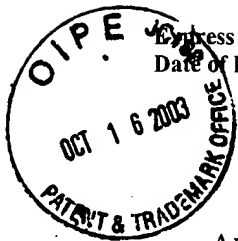
One Financial Center

Boston, Massachusetts 02111

Tel: (617) 542-6000

Fax: (617) 542-2241

Customer No. 30623



Express Mail No. EV 312712885 US
Date of Deposit: October 16, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 18475-025

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Lipkowski and Carr
ASSIGNEE : New England Medical Center
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/988,792 EXAMINER : V.L. Ford
FILING DATE : November 20, 2001 ART UNIT : 1645
FOR : NOVEL ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS

October 16, 2003
Boston, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED
OCT 22 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Introductory Comments

This is in response to the Communication mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office September 16, 2003 in the above-identified application. It is believed that no fees are due in connection with the present response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 18475-025.